

# MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

## Certificate of Need

TO: Louis G. Grimmel, Sr., CEO  
Lorien Health Services, Inc.  
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September 15, 2022  
Date

RE: CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc.  
dba Lorien Health Systems Mt. Airy  
Establish a Home Health Agency in  
Carroll County

22-06-2457  
Docket No.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This Certificate of Need authorizes CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. dba Lorien Health Systems Mt. Airy, a Maryland licensed nursing home, (Maryland license 06021), located at 705 Midway Avenue, Mt. Airy, Maryland (Carroll County) to establish a home health agency in Carroll County. CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. will provide skilled nursing services, home health aide services, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, physical therapy, and medical social services. The total approved cost of the project is \$230,000. CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. anticipates funding this project with cash and anticipates that establishment of this project will be fully operational in the proposed county within 18 months.

### **ORDER**

The Maryland Health Care Commission reviewed the Staff Report and Recommendation and based on that analysis and the record of the review, ordered on September 15, 2022, that a Certificate of Need be issued for the project with the following four conditions:

1. CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. will maintain compliance with the provisions of COMAR 10.24.16.08E(1)-(4) regarding charity care, sliding fee scale, and reduced fee services, and
2. CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. will provide an amount of charity care equivalent to the average amount of charity care provided by home health agencies in Carroll County; and
3. Prior to its request for first use approval, CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. will provide documentation of its links with hospitals, nursing homes, continuing care retirement communities, hospice programs, assisted living providers, Adult Evaluation and Review Services, adult day care programs, the local Department of

Social Services, and home-delivered meal programs located within its approved expanded service area.

4. Prior to their request for first use approval, CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. will provide documentation of their final version the proposed Charity Care Policy outlined in the application.

## **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.12C(3)(j), the project is subject to the following performance requirement: CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. has up to 18 months from the date of this Certificate of Need to begin operations in Carroll County as a home health agency serving any resident of that jurisdiction.

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE APPROVED PROJECT**

Before making any changes to the facts in the Certificate of Need application and other information provided to the Commission, CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. must notify the Commission in writing and receive Commission approval of each proposed change, including the obligation of any funds above those approved by the Commission in this Certificate of Need, in accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.17.

## **QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS**

CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. must submit quarterly status reports on the approved project to the Commission, beginning December 15, 2022, three months from the date of this Certificate of Need, and continuing, at three-month intervals, until the completion of the project.

## **ANNUAL SURVEY**

CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. must participate in the Commission's Annual Home Health Agency Survey by providing a timely response to all survey questions in each year in which CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. operates a licensed home health agency in Maryland.

## **REQUEST FOR FIRST USE REVIEW**

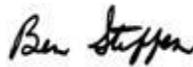
CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. must request in writing before it first provides general home health agency services in Carroll County, a first use review from the Commission, specifying the anticipated date of first use and documenting that the project has been substantially completed and will be completed in a manner and at a cost consistent with this Certificate of Need. Commission staff will review the request in consultation, as necessary, with the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ), and in accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.18 to determine whether the project conforms with the Certificate of Need. First use approval does not constitute a license or replace any approvals required by OHCQ or others within the Maryland Department of Health to provide home health agency services in Carroll County. Therefore, CareNet Health Services and

Systems, Inc. should assure that OHCQ is notified of the imminent completion of the project and should arrange for completion of any inspections and or approvals required by OHCQ in a timely manner. First use approval remains in effect for 90 days. If first use does not occur within 90 days of approval, CareNet Health Services and Systems, Inc. shall reapply for first use approval.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

Acknowledgement of your receipt of this Certificate of Need, stating acceptance of its terms and conditions, is required within thirty (30) days.

**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**



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Ben Steffen  
Executive Director

cc: Patricia T. Nay, M.D., Executive Director, Office of Health Care Quality  
Sue Doyle R.N., Health Officer, Carroll County